

REMARKS

Applicants have canceled claims 15-17, 19, 20, 22-26, 28-31, 33, 34, 36-40, and 42, 44, 45, 47, and 48 to include in a continuation application. Applicants note that the primary examiner may enter an amendment after the notice of allowance that involves canceling claims without forwarding to the supervisory patent examiner for approval. See, MPEP Sec. 714.16(a), pgs. 265-266 (8th Ed., Rev. 6, Sept. 2007)

Applicants note that the Examiner indicated as allowed claims Applicants previously canceled, including claims 13, 21, and 27. The above listing of claims shows these previously canceled claims as canceled.

In the statement of reasons for allowance the Examiner provided various reasons for allowance. Applicants will not specifically address or respond herein to the issues/points raised by the Examiner in the Examiner's provided remarks. However, this should not necessarily be viewed as constituting acquiescence by Applicants as to the correctness of some or all of the Examiner's provided remarks.

Moreover, Applicants note that the claims are directed to various combinations of features. It is respectfully submitted that the patentability of each of the allowed and allowable claims resides in every feature of the recited combination of features of the claims in addition to the features noted by the Examiner.

Applicants submit that no new claims or new matter has been added to the application. Nonetheless, should any additional fees be required, please charge Deposit Account No. 09-0449.

The attorney of record invites the Examiner to contact him at (310) 553-7977 if the Examiner believes such contact would advance the prosecution of the case.

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